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November 30, 2006

Re: Docket No. 03-0371, Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Distributed Generation in Hawaii

Dear Parties and Participant:

Enclosed are copies of *unsolicited* letters received by the Commission¹ from non-parties to Docket No. 03-0371, forwarded to you pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-29(b).² The Commission intends to give the enclosed comments the

¹Specifically, from: (1) Pacific Region Combined Heat and Power Application Center, dated September 22, 2006, filed November 24, 2006; (2) Hospitality Properties Trust, dated November 24, 2006, filed November 27, 2006; (3) Scheibert Energy Company, dated November 26, 2006 (electronic mail, dated November 27, 2006); and (4) Marriott Hotels and Resorts, dated November 21, 2006, filed November 28, 2006.

²HAR § 6-61-29 provides:

Ex parte communications. (a) No person, whether or not a party to or participant in an agency hearing, shall consult or communicate with any commissioner or hearings officer or any member of the commission staff on any issue of fact in a contested case proceeding before the commission, except as authorized in this section or by law.

(b) All written and oral ex parte communications received by any commissioner or hearings officer, containing facts or contentions in a contested case proceeding, which may affect the decision in the proceeding and which are known or believed to be unauthorized at the time of receipt, shall be immediately sent to all interested parties to the proceeding and made an official part of the record.

(c) The following classes of ex parte communications are authorized:

- (1) Communication between the commission and commission staff;
- (2) Communication that relates solely to matters which a commissioner or hearings officer is authorized to dispose of on an ex parte basis;
- (3) Communication with counsel or staff for the commission relating solely to matters of practice and procedure; and
- (4) Communication had after adequate notice and opportunity for all parties to participate.

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appropriate weight, if any, in its review of the proposed standby service tariffs. Accordingly, any responses by the Parties or Participant to the enclosed comments should be filed with the Commission by December 15, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Azama", followed by a horizontal flourish.

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Attachment: service list

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